

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1138

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Phillips of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Richard Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Pulaski native, Mr. Phillips graduated from Giles County High School before attending Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UT); and

WHEREAS, Richard Phillips served with acumen and alacrity as a life and health insurance broker for over forty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was President of Phillips/Diaz Benefits, Inc., a company he founded with his daughter and son-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Richard Phillips was a prominent member of his profession, rendering astute service as a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table and an active member of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors; and

WHEREAS, he had a passion for the game of golf that led him around the world to play at many famous golf courses, but he had a special fondness for the course at the Nashville Golf & Athletic Club, where he was a longtime member; and

WHEREAS, his other great passion was UT football; he was a true fan who rarely missed a game, home or away; and

WHEREAS, Richard Phillips was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife of forty-three years, June Tatum Phillips; he is also survived by his devoted daughter April and her husband, Lou Diaz, and his treasured grandchildren Evan and Gabriella; and

WHEREAS, also left to fondly remember and sorely miss Richard Phillips are his mother, Mable Phillips; brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and his wife, Joanne, John and his wife, Donata, Paul and his wife, Tricia, and Jeff and his wife, Cheryl; and sister, Carole Atkin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his father, Guy Phillips, and his brother, Gerald Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Richard Phillips leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard Phillips, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Phillips.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.